

INFORMATION APPLIANCE SYSTEM HAVING FOCUS MANAGER AND METHOD

Abstract of the Disclosure

- 5 An embodiment of the invention includes an information appliance system (100) having an information appliance device (102) with a focus manager (206). Among other things, the focus manager is disposed to manage a plurality of asynchronous entities (214). Focus manager (206) receives an asynchronous request (209), stores it in a queue (250) and assigns it a priority level (252, 254, 256). Based on the priority level (252, 254, 256), an
- 10 asynchronous entity (214) takes over control of user interface device resources from an entity (210), utilizes the resources, and returns them to the entity (210).